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Listing of Claims:

No claim amendments are being presented at this time. This listing of claims is provided merely for convenience and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) A device comprising:
a cantilevered assembly comprising a transducer; and
a flow control device to provide blowing or suction to a selected one of an upstream leading edge or a downstream trailing edge of the cantilevered assembly.
2. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the leading edge and the trailing edge form an upstream region proximate to the leading edge and a downstream region proximate to the trailing edge and the flow control device comprises a nozzle coupleable to a pressure source or blower to supply pressure proximate to the downstream region of the cantilevered assembly.
3. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of cantilevered assemblies coupled to an actuator having a stack height, and wherein the flow control device comprises a nozzle having an elongated outlet having a dimension substantially corresponding to the stack height.

4. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the flow control device comprises a vacuum assembly to provide the suction proximate to an upstream region of the cantilevered assembly adjacent the upstream leading edge.

5. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the leading edge and the trailing edge form an upstream region proximate to the leading edge and a downstream region proximate to the trailing edge and the flow control device comprises a vacuum assembly proximate to the upstream region of the cantilevered assembly.

6. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the transducer comprises one of a servo head, a write head, a read head or a read/writer head.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 and further comprising:
a flow sensor coupled to a controller operably coupled to the flow control device to provide flow feedback to control operation of the flow control device.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
a cantilevered assembly comprising a transducer configured to transduce data with a storage medium; and
a flow control device to provide pressure or suction to a selected one of an upstream leading edge or a downstream trailing edge of the cantilevered assembly.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the flow control device comprises a blower nozzle coupleable to a pressure source or blower to supply pressure.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the flow control device comprises a vacuum assembly to provide said suction.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the medium is characterized as a storage disc supported by a spindle hub.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a fluidic dam downstream of the cantilevered assembly and a fluidic stripper upstream of the cantilevered assembly and the flow control device comprises a blower nozzle positioned relative to a gap between the dam and the stripper.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a shroud proximate to a downstream region of the cantilevered assembly, and wherein the flow control device comprises a blower nozzle orientated to provide pressure through at least one passageway of the shroud.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the apparatus is characterized as a servo writer configured to write servo data to the storage medium.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a flow sensor to provide flow feedback for the flow control device.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the flow control device provides said suction through a passage in an air stripper.

20. (Previously presented) A method comprising steps of:
establishing a fluidic flow path across a cantilevered assembly from an upstream leading edge to a downstream trailing edge thereof; and
supplying at least a selected one of blowing pressure or suction pressure to a selected one of said upstream leading edge or said downstream trailing edge.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of:
using the cantilevered assembly to transduce data with a data storage medium during the supplying step.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the supplying step comprises the step of:
supplying said suction pressure from a vacuum assembly proximate to an upstream region of the cantilevered assembly or the blowing pressure

from a blower assembly proximate to a downstream region of the cantilevered assembly.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the supplying step is carried out by a flow control device, and wherein the method further comprises a step of adjusting a pressure parameter of the flow control device based upon feedback from a flow sensor.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the establishing step comprises rotating a storage medium adjacent the cantilevered assembly to establish said fluidic flow path.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the cantilevered assembly of the establishing step comprises a servo head configured to write servo data to a disc.

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled).